

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #03-385

APPLICANT: State of Tennessee
Department of Transportation
Environmental Planning and Permits Division
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505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0334
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LOCATION: SR-57 over East Spring Creek/Saulsbury Creek, Saulsbury, TN
Hardeman County

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The East Spring and Saulsbury Creek watersheds consist of numerous wetlands and small tributaries. Land use is predominantly rural/agricultural. Saulsbury Creek is primarily silt/sand/gravel bottomed and varies in width approximately 4 – 8 feet wide with 6 – 8 foot banks. East Spring Creek is primarily sand/silt bottomed and varies in width approximately 20 – 25 feet wide with 6 – 10 foot banks. The existing vegetation along both stream channels is mature hardwoods.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to reconstruct the existing SR-57 bridges over East Spring Creek and Saulsbury Creek and improve the approaches. The reconstruction project will require the permanent filling of 0.16 ac. and temporary filling of 0.435 ac. of wetlands.

Station 56+00+/- (Rt.) to Sta. 57+50+/- (Rt.): Wetlands adjacent to Saulsbury Creek. Temporary impacts (filling for haul roads) of 0.110 ac. of wetlands.

Station 56+30+/- (Lt. And Rt.) to Sta. 57+85+/- (Lt. And Rt.): Wetlands adjacent to Saulsbury Creek. Permanent impact (filling) of 0.062 ac. and temporary impact (filling for haul roads) of 0.046 ac. of wetlands. Associated with this impact is the construction of 90 ft. of 3-span concrete bridge (Sta. 57+85.00).

Station 59+90+/- (Lt. and Rt.) to Sta. 63+00+/- (Lt. and Rt.): Wetlands adjacent to East Fork Spring Creek. Permanent impact (filling) of 0.114 ac. and temporary impact (filling for haul roads) of 0.263 ac. of wetlands. Associated with this impact is the construction of 200 ft. of 5-span concrete bridge (Sta. 59+50.00).

Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized. Debiting, at a 4:1 ratio, 0.64 ac. of available wetlands credit from the Madison County Wetlands Mitigation Bank, would mitigate permanent impacts of 0.16 ac. of wetlands. Returning the affected areas to original elevation and reseeding the area with hydrophilic herbaceous plants and trees would mitigate temporary impacts.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Saulsbury, TN (432-SE)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.

